

Community Grant Funding

1. Introduction

This paper recommends Full Council to approve additional funds available for Grant Funding of community organisations in this financial year.

2. Grant Funding Process

The Parish's Precept for 2025/26 included a budget of £5,000 for Grants to Community Groups. This was based on the annual average of grants awarded to community groups in Derry Hill and Studley between April 2021 and July 2024.

The Finance Committee meeting of 23rd June 2025 considered options for the management of this finite budget: <https://derryhillandstudley-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Grant-Funding-Paper-rev2-23Jun25.pdf>.

It was resolved to recommend a process with two annual deadlines for Grant Applications:

- A Tranche 1 deadline (apply by August for decision in September).
- Any unused funds would then be carried over to a Tranche 2 deadline (apply by February for decision in March).

The meeting also considered and recommended a grant award of £5,000 to the Lansdowne Hall towards urgent roofing repairs.

Both recommendations were endorsed at the Council meeting of 14th July 2025, where it was noted that it may still be possible to have a Tranche 2 Window in the New Year, if Finance Committee is able to allocate additional funding from budget savings elsewhere.

3. Opportunity for additional Grant Funding

The Parish's Precept for 2025/26 also included a budget of £5,000 for funding Projects. The Council has subsequently received CIL funding of £4,361.85 from the shop redevelopment and £4,342.36 from the Bethesda Care Home redevelopment. Two further tranches, each of £5,066.08, are expected from the Care Home redevelopment.

To date, the following has been spent or committed from the £5,000 budget:

Item	Value	Comments
Transfer to Public Participation, Exhibitions & Events Budget (17)	£1,000.00	To fund VE day road closure; minute ref: 540/25
Playground disclaimer sign and pole	£185.64	£84.49 for pole; £101.15 for sign. Expenditure April 2025.
Community Committee funding for insurance and website licences	£809.50	Approved Nov25; minute ref 674/25.

Petty Acre Goal Post repairs	£125.00	Approved Nov25; minute ref 676/25.
Twenty is Plenty Wheelie Bin Stickers	£395.00	Approved Nov25; minute ref 677/25.
Total	£2,515.14	

This leaves a remaining balance of £2,484.86.

4. Recommendation

It is recommended that Full Council approves the finance committees recommendation that up to £2500 is made available for a second tranche of Community Grant funding.

Cllr John Barnes